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My L——ds, and G—ntl—m—n,

IT is with particular Pleaſure that I meet this new P—m—t, which I have called much ſooner than was expected, purpoſely to oblige our *good Friends*, and *faithful* Allies, the St——tes-G----l of the united P--v--n--s; and too evince them, and all *E---pe* of the entire Dependance that I have upon the Affections of my *People*; nor, do I in the leaſt doubt, but, that you are met together with a full Reſolution, of giving me your Advice and Aſſiſtance, with that *Unanimity*, as will afford the World convincing Proofs of your Duty and Fidelity to me, your *particular Regard* for the Intereſt of the *D---h*, and your ardent Zeal for the common Cauſe. As ſuch your Proceeding muſt add vaſtly to the Weight and Credit of our Affairs Abroad, in the preſent *Criſis*, and effectually ſupport the tottering Greatneſs of our *truſty* Friends, and antient Allies, the *H---ders*, ſo it will be no leſs Deſtructive to theſe Deſigns, that our Enemies may have formed againſt the public Welfare, and particularly againſt the Peace, and Tranquillity of theſe Kingdoms: by convincing them of your being thoroughly determined, vigorouſly to ſupport ſuch Meaſures as I ſhall find neceſſary to be taken, in order to obtain a *laſting*, *ſafe* and *honourable* Peace for ourſelves, and our *Allies*, which has all along, been the ſole Point that I have had in View.

With much Concern, I muſt acquaint you, that our *Endeavours* on the *Continent* this Summer, have not been attended with ſuch *Succeſs*, as I could have wiſhed for; owing to the want of *Vigour* in our Allies, and the *Deficiency* of thoſe *Troops* which they brought into the Field; whereby, my Subjects have been left to ſignalize themſelves againſt an almoſt *innumerable Hoſt* of *Enemies*. As theſe Things ever furniſhed Matter of Complaint, during the laſt War, ſo it will be almoſt impoſſible to remedy them in this; any otherways than by taking a greater Number of their *Forces* into our Pay, and by enlarging their ſeveral *Subſidies*. Tho' by this means we ſhall in a Manner, take the whole *Burthen* of the *War* upon our own *Shoulders*, it may perhaps, be

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better for us, at the preſent Juncture, ſo to do, than to rely as hitherto, on thoſe Powers, whoſe *Cowardice*, *Treachery*, or *Weakneſs*, may ſo far prevent them from aſſiſting us to *Diſtreſs* the *Enemy*, as rather to become an *Annoyance* to ourſelves. And indeed, tho I have made uſe of the utmoſt Efforts in my Power, to *ſpirit* up and *invigorate* our *Allies*, to be ſanguine in the common Cauſe, yet, the *Quotas* which they have hitherto furniſhed, either in Men, Money or *Valour*, have been very inconſiderable, when compared with what my People have always cheerfully, and readily contributed towards carrying on this *juſt* and *neceſſary* War.

I have lately, in Conjunction with our true and ſteady *Friends* and *Allies*, the *St----s-G-----l*, entered into a Treaty of *Subſidy*, for the March of forty thouſand *R----ns*, to the Aſſiſtance of the allied Army, which have been hitherto, tho' often promiſed, ſo long retarded; and may again meet with ſuch freſh Obſtacles, as will prevent their ſetting out, ſhould you heſitate a Moment upon enabling me, to make good the Engagements I have entered into, on this Occaſion. I ſhall order a Copy of this Treaty to be laid before you; and am thoroughly perſuaded, that you will readily contribute to the Promotion of an Affair, ſo exceeding *beneficial* to the Support of the *Common Cauſe*, in the preſent neceſſary Juncture.

Tho' this Treaty that I have concluded, has already given ſome Umbrage to the King of *P----a*, and perhaps may afford him more; eſpecially, as I have not as yet been able, notwithſtanding my continuing to exert my moſt earneſt Endeavours, to prevail with him to enter into any Meaſures with the *Allies*, for reſtraining and ſubduing the exorbitant Power of *France*. I would therefore, ſtrongly recommend it to your Conſideration, to find out ſome effectual *Method* of bringing that Prince over to our Intereſts; by enabling me to make him ſuch an extraordinary Allowance, as may ſatisfy his moſt lucrative Views, and far exceed any Offers that *France* or *Spain*, are capable of affording him: and this I would the more zealouſly commit to your Care, as his Alliance would be more valuable to us, than that of any other of the *G--rm--ic* Body, excepting the Houſe of *A---a*.

Our good Friends and Allies, the *D---h*, have lately come to a Reſolution, of conſiderably enlarging the Number of *Swiſs* Troops, already in their Service; and of taking ſeveral more Regiments of them into Pay, in Conjunction with *Great Britain*, that they may be able, if there be Occaſion for them, to take the Field early next Spring: tho' whether the Influence of *French* Councils, may not prevent this neceſſary Step from taking Place, I am unable to aſcertain, as yet; but I firmly rely on your timely *Support*, at all *Events*, on this and every other Occaſion.

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As our Enemies ſeem to afford us ſome very ſpecious Hopes of their being ready once more, to embrace Peace, and eſtabliſh the ſo much wiſh'd for, *Tranquility* of *Europe*; ſo I have given my *Miniſters* proper *Inſtructions* for attending the *Congreſs*, that is to be held this Winter.----But, ſhould this prove to be only an *Artifice*, to prevent our having a ſufficient Number of Forces in readineſs againſt the next Spring; I ſhall endeavour to elude ſuch a *Deſign*, by continuing in the mean Time to *Negociate* for ſuch Troops as are to be obtained; that the *Allied Army* may be able to enter the Field early, and to act offenſively next Seaſon.

Should any unforeſeen Accidents again prevent the *Ru---ns* from joining our Army, or fruſtrate my acquiring thoſe Troops, for the Service of the Public, which I am at Preſent doing my Endeavours to obtain; even then, I do not deſpair, with the Aſſiſtance of my *loving People*, of gaining ſufficient Succours from the remoteſt Parts; and in order to be prepared againſt all Events, I ſhall cauſe immediate Application to be made on this Account to the *Sophi* of *Perſia*, as ſoon as the Succeſſion to that Kingdom ſhall be ſettled. The Force that I may expect from thence, together with thoſe that I ſhall ſollicit from the *Cham* of *Tartary*, the Kings of *Bantam*, *Siam*, and the *Great Mogul*, will be rather more than ſufficient, for making Head againſt the Enemy; eſpecially, as with Troops of the latter, I expect to receive a conſiderable Number of *Elephants*, furniſhed with well fortified *Caſtles* on their *Backs*, which *Moving Forts* will be a great *Annoyance* to the *French*, and afford them ſufficient *Diverſion* from making ſuch dreadful Havock as they have lately done, with the moſt *impregnable* Places in the *N—lands*, and *United P—ces*.

The Behaviour of the *D---h* Forces, during the laſt *Campaign*, and their negligently ſuffering ſeveral of their moſt important Places to be *ſurprized* by the Enemy, needs *no Apology from me*; as it is impoſſible to imagine that either the *St----s-G--n--l*, or their St---dh---r, were acquainted with, or gave their Aſſent to any ſuch baſe and treacherous Proceedings; and I do not doubt, but *their ſpeedy bringing* the Offenders to Juſtice, and puniſhing of them in as ſevere a Manner, as *they have already done all ſuch as have been hitherto detected of either* TREACHERY *or* COWARDICE, will ſufficiently manifeſt the Innocence and Integrity of thoſe that preſide at the Head of Affairs, amongſt our antient *Friends* and *Allies*.

The extraordinary Succeſs which has attended my Fleet muſt have greatly weakened both the naval Strength and Commerce of our Enemies; and I ſhall not fail of profiting myſelf to the *utmoſt*, of thoſe *Advantages* that I have already received therefrom; being fully determined to be more attentive to this important Service, *than I have hitherto*

hitherto been : and as our good Friends the *Hr----s* have not ſuccoured me as yet, with ſuch a ſufficient Number of *Ships*, as is neceſſary for the Support of our Dominions on the Occaſion ; I ſhall directly apply to the ſeveral Governments of *Lapland*, and *Greenland*, in order to obtain from thence, ſuch naval Supplies of *Canoes* and *Men*, as may compenſate for the Deficiences of our Allies, in that Article.

Gentlemen of the H---e of C----s,

The great Facility with which you have carried your Elections, almoſt without Oppoſition, throughout all Parts of the *Kingdom* particularly in *Surry* and *Suſſex*, affords me freſh Proof of the *good Diſpoſition* of *my People*, in the Choice of their Repreſentatives. The *many* Conſiderations that I have already mentioned, are ſo neceſſary for our own Preſervation, the Support of our Allies, and the Maintainance of the *Proteſtant* Cauſe, that I doubt not, you will grant me ſuch a Supply, as ſhall be amply ſufficient for all thoſe *good* Purpoſes, that I have undertaken. The proper *Eſtimates* ſhall be laid before you: and I rely the ſtronger on your ſuccouring of me, with *ſuitable Grants*, as there are ſo many amongſt you, that either in their *Civil* or *Military* Capacities, are ſure *to benefit by the public Supplies*; and whoſe *Intereſt* in this Point, is always the ſame with, and inſeparable from, *mine.* I muſt acknowledge it is with the greateſt Regret, that I am obliged to lay any extraordinary Burthens upon my People ; but hope that they will conſider the immediate Neceſſity thereof, for the Support of the public Credit, in this critical Conjuncture.

My L---s and *G---tl---n,*

As I have fully explained to you my Views and Intentions, ſo I need not urge any thing further, to induce you to afford me a vigorous Support, and it is with great Satisfaction, I am able to acquaint you that the *Money* granted by *Parliament*, for the effectual carrying on the War, has been ſo well beſtowed, as to retain the King of *S-----a* hitherto, entirely to our Side; where he is likely to remain ſtedfaſt, as long as you ſhall continue to ſupport him with freſh and ample Subſidies. And alſo to keep the *Empreſs* Queen in Poſſeſſion of more extenſive Territories, maugre the Endeavours of her Enemies, than *what ſhe is able to maintain.*

As there was never more Occaſion for your acting with vigour, Unanimity, and Diſpatch, than in the preſent Juncture, when the Eyes of the whole World are fixed upon your Proceedings ; ſo it is on this that I rely, for ſupporting the Honour of my C---n, the Well-being of my K---d---ms, the *Avarice* and *Indolence* of our Allies, and for reſtoring our *Neighbours* to that Degree of P———de, A---g---ce and Inſ——l——ce, which they formerly enjoyed.

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